

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims to read as follows:

Listing of Claims

1. (Currently Amended) A device for taking samples from a body, said device comprising:

a needle whose distal end forms a recess able to receive said sample;

a cannula coaxially surrounding said needle, said needle and cannula being able to slide relative to one another;

a first slide and a second slide connected respectively to said needle and cannula;

a first spring and a second spring connected respectively to said first and second slides;

a grippable housing of elongate shape, defining an inner seat inside which are arranged in series, on a longitudinal axis of said housing, said slides which are able to slide between a forward position in the housing, for which said needle and cannula are in a rest position and ready to be primed for taking a sample, and a rearward position for which said needle and cannula are in a primed, retracted position ready for said sampling;

a control button for bringing said slides to the rearward position counter to said respective springs;

a blocking device that blocks said slides in the rearward position; and

a trigger mechanism for canceling said blocking device and, under the action of said springs, causing the forward displacement of said slides and firing of said needle and cannula, said trigger mechanism comprising, on said housing, a front tumbler and a rear tumbler, wherein:

said first and second slides comprise limit stops which are transversely offset with respect to one another, and said control button comprises a lug which can be moved transversely under the action of a displacement device and acts sequentially on said offset limit stops in order to bring said slides one after the other to the rearward position to provide sequential charging of the needle and cannula,

said displacement device comprises a spring arranged transversely between said button and said lug and permitting the latter to pass from a retracted position, for which one of said slides is displaced to the rearward position via its limit stop, to a deployed position for which the other of said slides is displaced to the rearward position via its offset limit stop, and an inclined ramp which is provided inside said housing and which

returns said lug from its deployed position to its retracted position, upon return of said button to the initial position,

said second slide with cannula and its spring are situated at the front of said housing and are brought first to the rearward, primed position via said lug, while said first slide with needle and its spring are situated coaxially at the front of said housing and are displaced secondly to the rearward, primed position, the displacement of said slides and springs being limited by brackets fixed to said housing, and

both the charged needle and cannula are automatically fired upon the actuation of either one of the front and rear tumblers.

2. (Canceled).

3. (Currently Amended) The device as claimed in claim 2 1, wherein said inclined ramp terminates in a lateral end edge on which, in the initial position of said button, said lug bears, compressing its spring, and which is situated at the same level as the limit stop of the one slide to be displaced first.

4. (Previously Presented) The device as claimed in claim 1, wherein said lug is connected to said button by a slideway

connection and can slide transversely, via the latter, under the action of the displacement device.

5. (Canceled).

6. (Previously Presented) The device as claimed in claim 1, wherein said control button is mounted so as to slide longitudinally through an oblong opening of said housing, and wherein a spring arranged longitudinally connects said housing to said button in order to return the latter spontaneously to its initial position, against the corresponding front edge of said opening.

7. (Previously Presented) The device as claimed in claim 1, wherein said blocking device comprises at least one bracket with elastically deformable hook issuing from each slide, and a corresponding fixed limit stop which is provided inside said housing and on which the hooked bracket of the corresponding slide engages when said slide arrives at the rearward position.

8. (Currently Amended) The device as claimed in claim 1, wherein ~~said mechanism for triggering said sampling comprises, on said housing, a front tumbler and a rear tumbler which~~ tumblers

can be actuated independently of one another and act on said blocking device.

9. (Previously Presented) The device as claimed in claim 8, wherein said front and rear tumblers are connected mechanically to one another by a connection rod situated inside said housing.

10. (Previously Presented) The device as claimed in claim 8, wherein said rear tumbler comprises a pushbutton with return spring and equipped with a bracket arranged projecting into said housing in order to free said blocking device of said slide with needle, and wherein said slide with needle is equipped with an unblocking bracket arranged projecting in order to act on said blocking device of said slide with cannula, following its displacement to the forward position.

11. (Previously Presented) The device as claimed in claim 8, wherein said front tumbler comprises a lever pivoting about an axis of said housing orthogonal to its longitudinal axis, said connection rod connecting said lever of the front tumbler to said pushbutton of the rear tumbler.

12. (Previously Presented) The device as claimed in claim 8, further comprising a safety device that renders said trigger mechanism inoperative, said safety device having a notch which is formed in said housing and in which said front tumbler can be received following a transverse displacement.

13. (Previously Presented) The device as claimed in claim 1, wherein said housing comprises two half-shells joined together along the longitudinal plane.

14. (Canceled).